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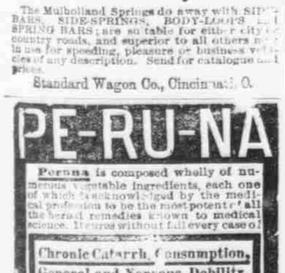

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THE JAY BIRD.

A leanin' on the bar-post, an' a thinkin' fer a minit,
An' shellin' fer the chickins a car'n corn or so—
The air es dry es fodder an' the wind with winter in it,
The cracks atween the shingles plugg'd up with early snow—
I hear the jays a hollerin', a jokin' an' a laffin',
A rillin' of each other with their braggy, sassy chaffin'.

Not a pee-wee ner a blue-bird ken be seen aroun' the diggins,
An' the cat-bird up 'n sneaked away a month ago,
An' the killdeer in the stubble with dandy frills and triggins,
Has shied away along the rest fer fear o' snow,
But the jay-birds ain't no coverds, an' so they keep on stayin',
Jest es perk and jest as sassy's if 't was only hayin'.

Ther robbings, so like humans, when yer posies stop a blowin',
An' the berries that they like air all gobbled down—
Strike out'n leave ye lonesome, with the deys a shorter growin'
An' the sun but faintly smilin' et ye through a frown.
But the jay-bird stays right by ye-s one es shows a likin'
Strongest fer ye when the rest hes got ye corner'd an' a strikin'.

When I out fer the cornfiel' fer a lonesome day a huskin',
I scarcely git a shock throw'd down fairly ter begin,
Fore the jay-birds cum a tearin' 's if they's jest a bustin'
Fer ter help me out 'n quick like frum the hurry I am in.
An' they holler et each other—keep whoopin' an' a yelpin'
An' make me chirk an' cheerful, which is good a most as helpin'.

Ef I c'u'd write sum verses handy, like I've seen them printers,
An' make a tune as nice for them as Mrs. Jimmy Lind,
They sh'u'd both be 'bout the jay-bird, a loafing through the winters,
An' mixin' up their yawpin' with snow an' freezin' wind.
It's easy 'nough in summer when the sky is blue an' glowin'
Ter be singin'—but it's defferent when the same is black an' snowin'.
—[Boston Transcript.

HOW A DWARF CAPTURED THE SUN.

An Attractive Red Indian Fairy Story.

Once upon a time there was a dwarf, so very small in size that when he killed a wren—all by himself, too—he thought he was a hero in the first degree, and strutted around in the grass as proud as if he had slain several braves of another tribe in single combat.

He had one-half of the wren—a fair half; none of your irregular fractions—cooked at once for a feast for the whole lodge, and had a mind to make himself a feather coat. And by and by he did another wren to death, and then he got his coat.

But happening to go to sleep one day in the sunshine, the heat made the birds' skins shrivel up so that they became quite uncomfortably small, and the dwarf was furious. He vowed he would pay the sun out.

So he got his sister to plait a rope out of hair, and, having made a slip-knot in it, he pegged it down on the side of the hill, close to the top of it, just where he had noticed the sun was accustomed to get up. And, sure enough, when the sun rose next morning, it ran its head right into the slipknot and got caught.

The consternation in nature was prodigious until the dormouse, remarking what was the matter, went and nibbled the plait through and released the luminary, whereupon everything went on just as if nothing had happened.

But the dwarf came home to his sister in high dudgeon. He was not going, he said, to bother himself about suns any more. It was not worth his while. He had more serious matters to attend to. And so he began making preparations for going out on another wren hunt.

Such, in the bald outline, is a red Indian "fairy story," which seems to me to illustrate fairly well the tone of the humor of the aboriginal American.

The hero is a dwarf—and this is an essential point in the folk jests of a people who consider a fine physique the first qualification of manhood—and in his pompous pursuit of very small birds, and subsequent inflation when he is successful in the chase, the leading characteristics of the red man are slyly burlesqued.

He succeeds in an impossible exploit, and in the true spirit of a hero, makes no fuss about it, but when the sun is let go by the dormouse, he affects to think that such trifles as sun-catching are beneath him, and sets himself seriously to the task of killing another wren.

There is a novelty in the flavor of this fooling and a freshness of scene and circumstances that, so it appears to me, make the absurd story attractive.—[San Francisco Chronicle.

The Old Family Turnout.

The vehicles of a place that has long been in one family possession become historic. The wheels and axles of the present "milking cart," relegated now to the farmer's transits over the fields to pastures fair, why, these were once the sparkling belongings of the froggy that went a courting.

The ancient family coach, marking geological periods more accurately than David ever read in the rocks; that coach whose very rumble was known to the villagers before it came to sight, an inseparable belonging of your family; its front seat the throne of such a succession of kings whose reigns you recall as you cannot the Presidents, each of whom taught you more evil than your careful mother could punish out of you—oh, "tales of my grandfather," told to you on that box seat as you rode outside, and your mother and sisters made party calls.

How long you stood dreaming before the dear old ark! Nothing could induce you to sell it, or to ride in it now.

You put one foot on the lower step, open the proud patrician door and look in. You see again that Sunday morning load all stowed; your fresh-cheeked mother, the noisy clean bib-and-tucker'd six, your father, grave and sabbatic, standing as you do now—and you feel your eyes filling; for a thousand other coaches have borne them over land and sea since then, as wide apart, and there have been chariots more ethereal for some.—[Boston Globe.

THE CONSULAR BUREAU.

Some Chapters of Mystery From the State Department at Washington.

A correspondent writing from Washington to the Pittsburg Leader says few would imagine that there was anything under the roof of the State Department that could excite the softer emotions of humanity.

One of its branches is commonly associated with awesome international secrets, diplomatic dignity and primeval silence; the other with consular reports and monotonous mercantile transactions.

But in the room of Dr. St. Clair, chief of Consular Bureau, there is a cabinet the contents of which suggest tears and sorrow, deaths in strange lands, man's waywardness and woman's devotion. The collection is simply that of the effects, trinkets and papers of American citizens who have died abroad, their abode and relatives in this country being unknown.

The United States consuls send these records to the Consular Bureau. It institutes searches for heirs or friends of the mysterious deceased.

Some curious cases have been developed in the endeavor to establish the identity of Americans who have died at consular stations without removing the veil of mystery enveloping their past careers.

Some years ago Mark Hamilton died at Nice, France. He had lived there in the opulence of a retired life, in questionable intimacy with a woman. His name was presumed to be an alias.

After his demise and the usual effort had been made to trace his heirs, the public administrator of New York came to the State Department and demanded effects which the Nicene consul had sent over.

The gold coin, gold watch and personal papers were turned over to him after proper authentication of his official position. He had himself secured in New York city $12,000 belonging to the estate of Mark Hamilton.

Afterward letters came from persons in Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio claiming kinship with him. They were all transmitted to the public administrator.

Here was a man whose papers disclosed the fact that he had extensive stock dealings with brokers in New York, Chicago and St. Louis. He had even had his orders for the purchase of $25,000 worth of stocks honored, and yet his death had been a complete extinguishment of self, either as a memory or an ever existent fact.

It is not known whether any distribution was ever made among those who asserted heirship.

In one corner of this cabinet is a small package, which comprehends the entire estate, "devised and residuary," of S. Sanders, alias Isaac Landers, of the British ship Robert Pearce.

This seaman died at Havana in 1881. In the Package are $25, a Testament and some letters. Upon the fly leaf of the Testament is written: "Presented to Isaac Landers to commemorate a solemn vow.—Hattie."

Who could not guess that that vow was abstinence from grog?

The letters are from his sister, Hattie Landers, who writes from Bradford street, Lawrence, Mass., and also from Boston. And yet she has never been found by advertisement.

In the common wooden box are some of the "estates" of unknown Americans who died at Shanghai.

The handwriting upon most of the packages is that of Burg Fawie Lewis, whose tragic fate was as sad as that of these fellow-countrymen whom in death he sought to befriend.

Lewis was summonod to this city from China as a witness in the George F. Seward investigation. When he was sent back he was penniless.

Though the orders were explicit for his reinstatement it was delayed. Finally poor Lewis was restored to his place, but the debts contracted during enforced idleness so preyed upon his mind that he ended an oppressive life by a bullet in his brain.

In this box is an ordinary black muslin-covered portfolio. In it is an envelope with no enclosure.

Upon it is written in a plain, bold hand, suggesting high intelligence: "My mother's address is Mrs. Nathaniel Ruggles, care of Mrs. E. D. Taylor, Evanston, Cook county, Illinois. I leave this so that should sudden accident overtake me some kind soul may write my mother."

The writer of this pathetic memorandum was Jonathan Ruggles, who died at Shanghai, Dec. 19, 1869. Sixteen years have passed; year, may be, of alternate hope and despair in a mother's breast brooding over a son's waywardness.

In a pasteboard box are some trinkets that indicate feminine ownership. A velvet case encloses the dagnerreotype of a man whose features suggest the libertine.

This was what Leonora Williams left when a depraved life ended at Shanghai.

There are more of these personal effects of wanderers and fugitives. They are not relics of the saints, rather souvenirs of mysterious sinners.

When the work of tracing personal histories is begun by the Department officials it proceeds almost invariably through details of liaisons, aliases, flights from justice, dispositions to roam, and all the shadows that fall upon human life.

One of the Oddest of Mortals.

Farmer John Sellers is one of the oddest of mortals. John lives near New Philadelphia, Ohio.

He never shears his sheep, but allows the wool to grow on their backs until it drags on the ground. People traveled for miles last summer to see his flock of sheep that had not been shorn for six years. From a distance the sheep looked like hayshocks in the field. The wool was 18 inches in length.

His geese are never picked, nor does he ever brandish that woeful weapon, the razor, on his own face, which is hidden in a Rip Van Winkle riot of beard.

"God puts the wool on the backs of the sheep, and it is sinful to clip it," says the Buckeye philosopher, with more sentiment than sense.

Protection Against Deceitful Charms.

An unrepealed law of New Jersey, passed while the State was a British colony, reads as follows:

"That all women of whatever age, rank, profession or degree, whether virgins, maids or widows, who shall after this act impose upon, seduce and betray into matrimony any of His Majesty's subjects by virtue of scents, cosmetics, washes, paints, artificial teeth, false hair or high-heeled shoes, shall incur the penalty of the law now in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanors."

OIL ON TROUBLED WATERS.

Reports of Recent Experiments of Sea Captains in Heavy Storms.

The hydrographic office of the Navy Department, in view of the evidence of the value of oil to lessen the dangerous effect of heavy seas, and desirous of disseminating facts as widely as possible, recently prepared a circular to be issued to commanders of deep-sea vessels sailing from this and other ports, requesting experiments with oil when the opportunity occurs, and reports of the result to one of the branch offices of the Hydrographic Office.

The use of mineral oil is not recommended, while the importance of carrying a supply of animal or vegetable oil for use in emergencies, the chief of the bureau says, cannot be overestimated.

Among the reports filed is one from Captain Avery of the schooner Jennie A. Cheney, in connection with a severe hurricane off the Florida coast. He says he used oil with very satisfactory results, and adds:

"After the sails were blown away, finding it necessary to do something to save the ship and the crew, I took a small canvas bag and turned about five gallons of linseed oil into it, and hung it over the starboard quarter. The wash of the sea caused a little of the oil to leak out and smooth the surface, so that for two hours no water broke aboard. I consider that the oil used during the last and heaviest part of the hurricane saved the vessel and the crew."

Captain Frost, of the ship St. David, speaking of his experience in a tempest on September 23d, says:

"I got up three canvas bags, oakum and some old fish oil that had been in the ship for a long time; oakum balls were placed in the bags after being saturated with oil till each bag was half full; then one and a half gallons of oil were poured into the bag on top of the oakum, and the bags sewed up, pricked and lashed one in each weather channel, so that when the ship rolled to the windward they would go under water. In this way the oil dripped out gradually and spread over to windward as the ship drifted to leeward. After this no wave broke over."

Captain Dawson, of the ship Hallowell, used paraffine and colza to smooth the sea down, and asserts that he thus saved his vessel.—[N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

A Mink Farm in the West.

"There are some mighty green men in the world," said the passenger from the West, "an' I struck one of 'em a week or two ago. If I hadn't I wouldn't be here now.

"Last spring I went out into western Nebraska an' homesteaded a quarter section. I hadn't seen the land, but took it, supposin' it was all right. But when I got there I found it already inhabited. About 150 acres of the 160 were covered with a prairie-dog town.

"Well, I concluded to settle down and see what I could do, an' I am mighty glad now that I did. About two weeks ago I was up to the railroad station, trying to get trusted for some bacon and flour an' terbacker, an' feelin' right smart discouraged. I was out of money an' grub, an' I couldn't see my way out of it but to eat prairie dogs, an' they're mighty hard to catch.

"But that day was the turning point in my luck.

"While I was at the station an Englishman got off the cars, an' said as how he was out West lookin' for a place to make an investment. Said he'd heard o' the fur business, an' wanted to know if he was out in the fur country yet.

"'Fur,' says I, 'there hain't no'—an' just then an' idea struck me, an' I changed my tune. 'Furs,' says I, 'there hain't no better fur country than this on 'arth. Just come out to my place till I show you my fur farm.'

"And he went out with me, and I showed him the prairie-dog town, an', as luck would have it, it was a bright, sunny day, an' the dogs was out scootin' around by the hundreds.

"'Talkin' about furs,' says I, 'what d'ye think of that? I've been six yeer growin' those mink, an' hain't sold a hide. It's all natural increase. Guess they's 'bout 7,000 of 'em now, an' they double every year. How many will there be in ten years?'

"You ought to see that Englishman's eyes open as he took out his pencil an' figured it up. He made it 7,168,000 mink.

"'Well,' says I, 'call it 5,000,000 to be on the safe side. It won't cost $1 to keep 'em, either, an' if they're worth a cent, they're worth $1 apiece. There's millions in it.'

"Then we got right down to business, an' in less than an hour I had sold out for $7,000 cash, an' the next day I paid $320 for the homestead at the land office, got my patent, transferred it to him, and took the first train for the East. Step into the buffer with me, partner, and take a drink."—[Chicago Herald.

Cuvier on Tight Lacing.

The great naturalist, Cuvier, was walking one day with a young lady who was a victim of tight lacing, in a public garden in Paris. A lovely blossom upon an elegant plant drew from her an expression of admiration.

Looking at her pale, thin face, Cuvier said:

"You were like this flower once; tomorrow it will be as you are now."

Next day he led her to the same spot, and the beautiful flower was dying. She asked the cause.

"This plant," replied Cuvier, "is an image of yourself. I will show you what is the matter with it."

He pointed to a cord bound tightly around the stem, and said:

"You are fading away exactly in the same manner under the compression of your corset, and you are losing by degrees all your youthful charms, just because you have not the courage to resist this dangerous fashion."—[Washington Republic.

Anecdote of the Late Mr. Vanderbilt.

A retired newspaper man tells of a pleasing experience with Mr. Vanderbilt.

"I went to interview Mr. V.," he says, "and the big man was smilingly silent.

"'Surely you wouldn't hinder a newspaper man making a few dollars,' I said to him facetiously. 'A talk from you is worth a great deal; I made a handsome sum out of my first interview with you.'

"'Well, by George, I like a man who can make money out of me,' said the railway king. 'It takes a smart man to do it; fire away with your questions.'"

Interesting Experiment.

A resident of Mason Valley, Nev., has raised toward promising cathood three kittens obtained from the nest of a wild cat. They are good ratters.

A DUCK STORY.

A "Settler" in the Way of Astonishing and Veracious Yarns.

Several old sports were seated around the table at the Board of Trade and as usual were deeply interested in narrating their achievements in the duck-hunting line, and some very tall yarns were spun, but as nobody questioned the volunteered experience of anybody else in the crowd, everything went along peaceably until Colonel Minor took a hand with the following statement, which for the time being completly paralyzed the boys.

"You fellows think you're mighty smart when you try to stuff us that you've killed forty and fifty ducks at a shot. You're no good. I saw a shot once that kil'ed a million!"

"Oh, let up," chorused the gang.

"Won't do it. If you don't leave me alone I'll make it two million, and then I'll be on the inside."

"Let's have it, then, if it isn't too much sudden death."

"Well, I don't care whether you believe me or not," said the old gentleman, "but it's the truth I'm telling you.

"In 1845 I was captain of the steamboat Gazelle, running in the gulf trade from Houston to Galveston, coasting as it were. At the northern end of the bay was a river barely navigable at the best of times.

"The surrounding country was unsettled, and the region was a perfect godsend for sportsmen. Winged game were innumerable, and seemingly made it their headquarters, more especially during stormy weather, as the locality was well sheltered and landlocked.

"A storm arose after we left Galveston on this particular trip, and as steamboats were not built either as large or as substantial as they are at the present time, we broke for shelter and anchored at the mouth of the river. [The spot is now known as San Jacinto Bay.]

"It was barely twilight, but the whole river as far as we could see was a solid mass of ducks, geese and trout.

"Suddenly a flash of lightning or a thunderbolt sprang out of the sky; there was a deafening and blinding shock, such as I had never before or have ever since experienced, and all those ducks turned up their toes."

"Kill 'em all?" asked one of the crowd.

"Blessed if I know," said the Colonel, "but the whole of Galveston Bay was covered with ducks for a fortnight. The people lived on salted duck for about a year, and I gathered in about 160 bales of feathers."

"See here, now, we can't stand everything."

"Wishimaydie if it ain't so. I've got some of the feathers at home yet, and will bring you down a sample the next time I think of it."—[Cincinnati Sun.

Owls as Ornaments.

"I never saw anything like it in my life," said a Chestnut street jeweller the other day. "The women are just rank crazy over owls and owls' heads. They want them on everything they buy."

A lady came in here only yesterday and got a pretty little Swiss watch, with a perfectly plain, polished case. She wanted to know whether she could not have an owl's face engraved in the center of the case, or a circle of little owls around the edge.

"Anything, so it's owls," she said.

"Of course, we had to do as she asked, but she'll grumble when she has to pay the bill. For the life of me I can't see what they find pretty in the staring old yellow-eyed bird."

A glance around the jewelry store showed plain evidence of the rage.

All the new styles of bronze clocks were ornamented with figures of the solemn bird of night. He stared from vases and painted umbrella stands, and from every conceivable ornament.

In silver he was worked up in a hundred different forms. His head formed the head of pepper-boxes, umbrellas and canes, and he was used to ornament lace-pins, breastpins and hairpins.

A thing that attracted a great many ladies was a small natural owl's head, covered with brown feathers, with the big yellow eyes wide open. It was set on a silver back, to be used as a breastpin, and was valued at $10.

Women who would be frightened half to death at the hoot of an owl on a dark night are now proud to wear stuffed owls' heads in their fall bonnets. The cheerless bird is also extensively used for decorating fancy note paper. —[Philadelphia Press.

Too Much Candy.

It has often been a query how much candy a boy could eat before he was satisfied. It is generally supposed by most boys that they can dispose of several pounds and then go hungry.

A proposition was readily accepted by a fourteen-year-old lad on Fourth street, Sunday afternoon, that, if he would eat fifty cents' worth, it would cost him nothing, but, if he failed, he would have to pay the half dollar.

As he started in, bravely eyeing the delicious chocolate creams, he remarked that he regretted not having made the stipulation a dollar.

Quite a crowd gathered round to witness the spectacle. The boy kept changing from one kind to another and finally wished to take a run around the block, as he was getting cold, but was held to his bargain.

After having sampled all the candies in the shop, and disposed of about fifteen cents' worth, he showed signs of having enough. He took the half-dollar out of his pocket, put it back, and then began eating again with renewed vigor for a few moments.

After having disposed of twenty cents' worth, he suddenly threw the money on the counter and said he had all he wanted, and before he would eat any more he would fight.

He seemed anxious to get away from the crowd, which was convulsed with laughter, and went whistling down the street, a sadder and a wiser boy.—[Woodland (Col.) Democrat.

Value of a Chest Voice.

A gentleman who is kind enough to be a devoted reader of this column wants to know what I mean by saying that Salvini places his voice in the top of his head. He writes: 'There are throat (or head) voices and chest voices, as I understand the matter. All good singers have chest voices, and all well-trained actors. It is the chest voice that never fatigues. If the speaker also knows when and how to breathe.' I know this perfectly well, but it is knowing just how to place this chest voice that makes Salvini's speech so beautiful. The knack consists in the proper throwing of the chest voice up against the nasal cavity, which acts as a sounding-board. The late Mme. Rudersdorf perfectly understood this placing of the voice, and so do the best teachers in Paris.—[Critic.

THE PRETTY BABY.

One Not Long For This World.

"Isn't he a pretty baby, John? See, just look at him," and the mother holds up the tiny creature to papa, who kisses and fondles him lovingly.

"Yes, Kate, he is a pretty baby, but Tom was a pretty baby, too, you remember."

"Yes, Tom was a pretty baby—everybody said so," and she glances across the room at a sunny-faced four-year old, "but Willie is not like Tom. Willie's hair is light, and his eyes," looking wistfully into the baby's face, "are dark, and so deep, that when I look in them I am almost afraid, they have such a far-away light, they seem to see something we cannot."

"Oh, nonsense! don't think that. He'll grow up to be a fine fellow. But, Kate, I wouldn't think so much about him, he's a dear, good, little fellow, but I wouldn't worship him; it isn't right."

"As if I could help it," the mother says, reproachfully pressing the slight form closer and looking into the dark eyes yearningly.

A month passes away, and one day they stand beside a small, white casket, within which the pretty baby is sleeping. Ah, the mother's eyes were sharp, and when friends said, "What beautiful bright eyes he has," she saw the far-away look and knew it as the light that never was on land or sea.

"Oh, John, John!" she moaned, "I knew he wasn't long for this world. I could see it in his eyes. Oh, my pretty baby!"

"Yes, dear, you were right," says papa, and there is a quiver in the firm voice; "if it had pleased God to have left him with us we would have cared for him the best we could, but we must give him up, for it is His will, and He knows what is best for us."

"Yes, I know it," and she stoops and cuts a tiny wisp of hair from the baby's head.

"Oh, John, you said I worshiped him. I did, oh, I did, and, God forgive me, I can't be sorry for it now, he was such a dear, pretty baby."

Years pass on. Other babies are born. They are all pretty babies, every one who sees them says that, but none are like the baby with the far-away look. As they grow up they love to gather around mother's chair, and she never tires telling of the dark-eyed baby who went to live with God.

And, when with childish curiosity they open the Bible to look at the pictures, and find between the leaves a tiny wisp of hair tied with a white satin ribbon, they touch it reverently and whis

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PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S veto of the Dependent Pension bill has called forth with but few exceptions the highest commendation of the press and people.

THE Northern Pacific Railroad is about testing the practicability of supplying railroad trains with light and heat by an iron car, to be constructed with boilers for steam or hot water, and with gas or electric apparatus, whichever may be determined upon.

IF any skeptic has lost faith in the prophecy that "the lion and the lamb shall lie down together," he may find reasons for returning to his early belief in the fact that the liquor men and the Prohibitionists at Albany have pooled their issues to fight high license.

GOVERNOR BEAVER intimated in his inaugural address that he would use the veto privilege sparingly. This was construed by jobbers to mean that they need have no fear of him if they could succeed in putting their jobs through both Houses. This interpretation is correct, as recent developments have proven.

THE Inter-State Commerce Bill is a mild assertion of national authority, implying that the people as represented in the Government are the masters of corporations. That the opposite impression should have prevailed is not surprising in view of the submissive attitude the Government too often assumed to corporate power. The measure is another evidence of the tendency of the times to limit the aggressions of monopoly.

AMONG the other bills introduced in Congress for defensive purposes, the one presented by Senator Cameron is considered one of the most important. It provides for ten steel cruisers with a maximum speed of twenty knots an hour. Speed is considered one of the first essentials in the construction of efficient naval vessels, and that these cruisers may attain the highest possible perfection in this respect, the bill proposes a liberal bonus for a rate of speed beyond that fixed in its provisions.

IT is said the island of Newfoundland presents a most pitiful sight, scores of its people being on the verge of starvation, and whose sufferings are intensified with all the rigors of a Newfoundland winter. Newfoundland fish is a glut on every market, owing to the inability to compete with that of their bounty-fed French rivals. The Government Treasury has already depleted itself furnishing aid and work for its subjects, and there seems to be no hope of any speedy relief from their deplorable condition. It is believed the people are the most miserable of all English colonists.

AFTER all the discussion on the wine and liquor question, intemperance and prohibition, we may finally arrive at the wise conclusion that real temperance consists in the proper use of wines, while intemperance is only another name for their abuse. In accord with this view Dr. Howard Crosby recently declared in a lecture that "no method of fighting intemperance can stand for a moment which condemns the use of wine." "I don't believe in treating," he said, "but I'll say this: If you want a glass of claret with your beefsteak to-morrow morning, and can afford to have it, and don't have it, you are a fool." Pretty strong language for an eminent divine, yet it can hardly be said to be more than an endorsement of St. Paul in recommending a little wine for the stomach's sake, and who will dare gainsay the wisdom of the recommendation?

A BILL has been presented in the Pennsylvania Legislature entitled "An act for the encouragement of forest culture," and providing penalties for the injury and destruction of forests.—The measure is of more importance than most people will attribute to it. This country is already reaping some of the ill effects of forest destruction in sudden climatic changes, heavy storms and long dry spells. The destruction of our woodlands still goes on, and unless some of our land, already denuded and almost valueless, is reclothed with a forest growth we will soon have vast areas similar to that of Spain, barren and uninviting. The loss of timber for building and other purposes is another disadvantage that will be felt, not only by present but also by future generations ere they have all stepped off the stage of action. While it is none too early, it may not still be tho late to reclaim the country by forest culture.

THE adoption of the Prohibitory Amendment resolution is only the first step toward the more serious issue of having the question of Prohibition settled by the people. The Republican bosses and strategists have been not a little puzzled how to sail successfully between Scylla and Charybdis. Had it not been for the outside pressure from Prohibition quarters, the Republican platform would never have contained its half-way Prohibition plank, but being there its mandates must be obeyed.—There was no open gateway out of which they could retreat gracefully or unseen, for the dark lanterns of the Prohibitionists were turned full upon them, and now to favor or not to favor Prohibition is the question that stirs up their souls. If they favor the adoption of the amendment by the people they will alienate a large and politically influential class of voters, and if they should oppose it they will offend a large class of Prohibitionists whom they have cultivated so assiduously. That the said plank was inserted for the sake of catching votes, that the bill conforming thereto was passed for the appearance of good faith, and that now the great majority of these Legislators are really opposed to Prohibition, are plausible assertions that confront the party. Time will prove either its sincerity or double-dealing with this prominent question.

SECRETARY MANNING'S resignation has been handed in to the President and accepted. The Secretary gives as his reasons for leaving the Cabinet that the exhausting round of daily Administrative tasks, inseparable from the duties of an efficient Secretary of the Treasury, are beyond his strength. That he is justified in taking the step, can hardly be doubted, owing to his failing health, and that to remain longer in the national service would in a manner be suicidal as well as unjust to his family. The President has requested him to remain in the Cabinet until the first of April.—Assistant Secretary Fairchild will, no doubt, be Mr. Manning's successor.

A TASTEFUL bronze statue is about to grace Boston harbor, commemorative of Leif Ericson, the representative Norseman. The Norsemen have an interesting history intimately connected with the early discovery of our country, and as a matter of history alone, the erection of the statue would be commendable.—Coupled with this, however, is the legend that Norsemen visited the shores of Massachusetts 500 years before Columbus sailed across the Atlantic. Ericson sailed, it is said, from Greenland in 1002 and after discovering Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, cruised along the New England coast to Vineyard Sound, so that in memory of this event and the picturesque Norse explorers, it is fitting in this day of statues and monuments that this hardy people be remembered.

THE great coal handlers, strike has been a hard blow on labor throughout. The strike was needless and in opposition to the principles of the Knights of Labor, although that order will have to stand much of the blame attached to the movement. The difficulty with large numbers of the laboring class is that they are moved to act on the impulse of the moment. An inkling hope of successfully bringing their employers to time by concerted action, and they at once strike. Every time a strike is inaugurated, the strikers claim that they have some special advantage over the participants of previous strikes, but despite all their special advantages the strikes result the same. The special advantages are delusions, and if the employed of every craft would stop and look at the subject in its every phase, they would not strike.

THE Standard Oil Company has been receiving some heavy blows from the citizens of the oil country. By them it is characterized the worst monopoly that ever blighted the face of the earth. A reduction of ten cents per barrel is now demanded for the piping of the oil, and a comparatively equal reduction for storage and waste. The Billingsley bill upon which the Legislature will be asked to vote, aims to right some of the wrongs this rich corporation has been imposing upon the people. In opposition to the bill the minions of the pipe line are expected to seek every possible opportunity to use boodle, and if persons can be found in the Legislature willing to sell their manhood, they can with safety demand fabulous sums for their votes and influence. Senators and Representatives who vote for the continuance of this gigantic monopoly, will have to present very lucid arguments to their constituents in support of their conduct to clear themselves of suspicion.

THE abuse of the pre-emption, forest and desert land laws has led to a measure in Congress for repealing this entire legislation except the homestead laws. The bill has passed the House, but still lodges in the millionaire Senate, like many other measures demanded by the public interest. The original design of these laws was to save the land on our great plains for actual settlers, but they have been converted by cattle kings, railroad companies and other corporations, including the Standard Oil monopoly, into means of grabbing some of the fairest portions of the public domain.—The people of the West who have been witnesses and victims of the methods by which these laws have been debased have been urgent in pressing this repeal. It is to be regretted that this legislation intended to aid those seeking homes should so signally fail of its purpose. It argues strongly for more stringent means than we have yet been able to muster to circumscribe the growth of corporate power. Monopoly is a hydra-headed monster, and when crushed in only one way or place, is apt to rise up more defiantly than ever in some other quarter.

THE recent little flurry between the United States and Canada has aroused an interest in some quarters upon the subject of annexation. It is a generally accepted theory that if any serious trouble were to arise between England and ourselves, out of the fisheries dispute, the ultimate outcome would be our triumph and the accession of Canada to our wide national domain. Canada should naturally belong to the United States, and the possession would be more valuable than is generally supposed. It would savor of the impolitic for the United States to manifest indifference to a freer and more extensive trade with four and a half millions of a kindred race. It is estimated that the exports and imports between the United States and Canada would constitute an international trade of $100,000,000. The extent and resources of that new northwestern empire acquired from the Hudson's Bay Company are almost illimitable. The hunters, speculators and explorers who have visited the region are enraptured with its vastness, richness of soil, wonderful natural arteries of communication, numerous coal beds, healthy climate and favorable seasons for agriculture. Its extraordinary fertility has caused Americans as well as British and Canadian visitors to style it "the future granary of the world." The total area of the Dominion is 3,300,000 square miles, while the totbl area of the United States is only a little over 3,600,000 square miles. Quebec and Ontario possess large areas of good land, promising mines, and valuable belts of timber in their newer back regions, which will afford profitable employment to vast amounts of capital and labor. Objections would, of course, arise to the annexation, but many strong arguments can be produced in its favor.

Anti-Discrimination.

Senator Cooper has been for some time preparing an Anti Discrimination bill, which will be recommended by the caucus committee, of which Mr. Ruan is chairman. The Republican platform pledged the party to adopt the Cullom bill, and the understanding was that the bill was to be merely an adaptation of the Cullom bill from inter-state to state traffic by verbal changes. Instead of literally adhering to that plan, Cooper now declares that the pledge of the Republican Convention applied only to freight and did not cover passenger business. The Cullom bill has accordingly been modified to apply only to freight, though Chairman Cooper, during the fall campaign, sent out 500,000 circulars claiming that the Republican party was pledged to do everything which that bill aimed to do. The Cullom bill covered both passengers and freight. A number of legislators are now charging that this is a case of false pretense, and that the party ought to keep the pledges which Governor Beaver made in good faith.

Chairman Cooper is expecting to hold the party lash over legislators because the Convention of the Republican party made a pledge to the people, but Cooper has himself departed from the pledge by making other changes in the bill besides those which were necessary for the adaptation of a bill regulating inter state traffic to the regulation of state traffic. He has gone so far as to give shippers the option either of making compaint to the Commission, or of bringing suit in the courts, as the Inter-State Commerce bill provides. Since Chairman Cooper has taken the liberty of construing the pledge of the Republican Convention to suit his ideas, or rather the ideas of the rai road attorneys who really drafted the bill, other Republican members of the Legislature claim the right to exercise the same discretion, and while they admit that the Republican Convention, which discussed the question of railroad regulation for only five minutes, had the power and right to bind every member of the party to a pledge for a proper and effective adjustment of the railroad question, it had no right to prescribe the details by which such an adjustment might be brought about. This issue will be the principal one on which the Republican caucus will divide, and it is not improbable that a serious break may occur on this point.

Another Baby Cry.

The York *Gazette* gives a Pacific coast idea of paternal government.

The prune is a dried fruit brought to us from the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, especially from Italy. It is cheap, wholesome and palatable, and is largely used by the poor in our large cities, and in the cheaper grades of boarding houses and hotels, and to a considerable extent atones for the objectionableness of another article of diet too often assailing the olfactories of boarders at those establishments.

Unfortunately for the prune, or rather for its consumers, it has been discovered that it can be successfully grown in California, and now, forsooth, those thrifty people demand that there be placed on this article which has so often delighted a poor man's board, a tax of 40 per cent., or, in other words, a cargo of prunes which would otherwise cost, delivered in this country, $100, shall be made to pay $140.

If it will not pay to raise prunes here, why should the people at large be taxed to make it pay? The business of raising grain does not pay, as every eastern farmer knows. Then why are not the whole people taxed to make it pay? The farmer is certainly as much entitled to a bonus to help him along as the grower of prunes.

THE trade dollar is at last to be redeemed in payment of dues to the United States, or in exchange for standard dollars. There are believed to be about 7,000,000 of them that will be presented. The time of redemption is limited to six months. The trade dollar was originally coined for purpose of foreign trade and was given a limited legal tender quality in this country, but it was long since deprived of the legal tender quality, and has ceased to serve the purpose for which it was designed. The total number coined was 35,065,924. Of this number 29,004,604 were exported, 1,500,000 were probably taken abroad by Chinese returning to their homes, and 500,000 were remelted at the United States mint. As 2,074,812 are reported by the custom houses to have been brought back into the United States, it is estimated by the Director of the mint that the number at present in this country is about 7,026,732.

THE Philadelphia *Record* is of the opinion that the bill introduced in the Legislature providing for uniformity in the school-books used in the public schools ought to be looked upon with great suspicion. There may be a big job nestled in the bowels of it. What need is there that books should be uniform any more than that children should be of uniform intelligence, or teachers of uniform capacity? The further the schools are away from a machine-like evenness of management, the better.—Let the books alone. The best books will make their way in the race for favor against the worst in a fair field. If uniformity should be enforced, the poorest books might be pitched upon by interested parties, and the cost of a change would keep them in use. It is better as it is.

THE simple-minded colored people of the country are unable to follow the tortuous reasoning by which the Republican Senators undertake to defend their rejection of an intelligent black man for an office which he was entirely competent to fill. J. Milton Turner, ex-Minister to Liberia, regards the rejection of Matthews because he was a colored man and a Democrat as an insult to the race. But Senator Ingalls says the Rebublican Senators rejected Matthews because President Cleveland nominated him a second time after he had been once rejected. It is not strange that the negro mind in its simplicity is incapable of comprehending that. If Mr. Matthews were rejected a second time because he was nominated a second time, why was he rejected the first time?

THE final argument of the advocates of extraordinary expenditures for sea coast defences is the money will be spent in some other way if not in this. "Now is the time to vote the money," says one of them, "when there is a surplus in the Treasury, and before that surplus is disbursed in pension jobs, or frittered away in creek and mill stream improvements, or wasted in granite custom houses and post offices?"

Is this the only alternative? Must the surplus be spent in some way? This seems to be the idea of the supporters of war taxes in time of peace. The plan Has our statesmanship become so impotent or so reckless as this? Are there not patriotism and brains and honesty enough left to stop the surplus instead of spending it?

of preventing the surplus by a reduction of taxes and leaving the excess of money where it belongs—in the pockets of the people—is wholly repugnant to them. And so the schemes multiply and crowd upon each other's heels for voting away the surplus.

—Four men have been arrested near Scottdale for giving the Superintendent of the Bessemer mines notice that they would not work with a miner not in the union.

Our National Chairman.

Ex Senator Barnum, of Connecticut, has been in Washington for several days and during that time has made several visits to the Executive Mansion, where he has had conferences on several subjects of importance to the Administration and upon the political preliminaries and prospects of the National campaign next year. In speaking of the political outlook the veteran ex Senator and politician said:

"I consider that the Democrats will have a reasonably sure thing of it in New York, and I know that we will in Connecticut. The last election disposed of all doubts on that score. We elected three Democratic members of Congress, which is a fair test of strength. The law of the State requires a majority to elect a Governor, but a plurality can give us the electoral ticket. We can get that. So you can put Connecticut down for the Democratic nominee for President. We should have had the Legislature, and I expected that we should capture it, but the Republicans had the machinery."

"What do you think of the campaign of 1888?"

"It will be a fair test of public sentiment on good government under Democratic auspices. It must be admitted that Mr. Cleveland has made a good President for the country and for the Democratic party. He has had the courage to do what he considered right, without reference to the clamor of a few people who represent political methods and popular intelligence of thirty years ago, and therefore are behind the age.—The Democratic party is stronger to day before the people than it was in 1884.—Under President Cleveland it has been restored to public confidence and under his leadership it will not only have every prospect of winning again, but in a second success it may be counted as safely established in authority until its own folly brings it into disrepute. Sagacious statesmanship will moor the party on safe ground, and there she should stay for many years."

The ex-Senator laughed at the talk of the nomination of Blaine being consequent upon the renomination of Cleveland. "Only let the Republicans try it. That will suit us. The recent Senatorial fight in New York has increased the dissensions in our opponents' ranks fourfold. And I am certain that Blaine cannot carry Connecticut, New Jersey or Indiana. We have our Massachusetts down to a doubtful State. I believe we can beat Blaine there, and there are other New England States very shaky. Judging from the present appearance of things, I don't think that the Republican leaders will permit Mr. Blaine to be renominated. They have not yet lost all their political cunning. But should he be taken up you will see the worst beaten party that has been known for many years. A Western man for President, with a strong man in New York for Vice President, might give the contest a hopeful outlook for the Republicans."

Stand by the President!

The action of the House Committee in voting unanimously in favor of passing the Dependent Pension Bill over the President's veto, and the attempt to bring the pressure of the soldier influence to bear upon Congress in behalf of the measure, show that the victory is not yet won. Between the claim agents hungry for fees, the demagogues intent upon getting votes, and the beneficiaries of war taxes interested in scattering the surplus, a determined effort will be made to override the veto.

It is the duty of all patriotic and prudent citizens, without regard to party, to sustain President Cleveland in his courageous stand against this reckless and radically wrong legislation. The reasons which he gives why the bill should not become a law are unanswerable. They can be overridden only by the brute force of numbers acting without regard to principle or to the rights of the people. The bill puts a premium upon pauperism, and offers a bounty to fraud. It eliminates patriotism from the motives that lead men to defend their country, and leaves the nation in the future at the mercy of mercenaries. And it would add from $25,000,000 to $50,000,000 a year to a pension list that already exceeds by $15,000,000 the entire cost of the Government before the war.

If there are old soldiers in danger of becoming paupers let us build more national homes—all that are necessary—and take care of them tenderly during their declining years. We will sustain the most liberal provisions of this nature. But let us not pauperize the pension list by offering inducements to all the survivors of the war to swear that they are unable to earn that indefinite quantity—"a support." Let us not degrade the crippled veterans, wounded in battling bravely for their country, by placing above them on the roll of honor "recipients of out door relief."

The President's veto was the sturdiest right act that he has performed since his induction into office. He is sustained by the press and by public opinion. He should be sustained by Congress.—*N. Y. World.*

The Pension Veto.

The President's veto of the dependent pension bill sets forth the grounds on which it is based very clearly, and can be read and judged on its own merits. It seems to indicate a decided tendency to call a halt on the lavish expenditure in that direction to which this Congress is disposed.

Public opinion will certainly be that it is time to check the matter somewhere. Liberal pensions for men who suffer disability as the result of their services to the country, will be objected to by no decent citizen. But the idea that vast sums of money are, a generation after the war, to be constantly drawn from the public Treasury for the benefit of those soldiers who came out of that war without harm and able to earn their own living, is a departure from the previous pension policy to which the nation is not likely to assent.

This is not what the soldiers themselves served for. They did not preserve the country to make their services a burden to it for the next generation.—They do not ask such benefits now. The last meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic declared that if the nation had made an error in the matter of pensions "it has been on the side of lavish liberality. With this declaration from the great organization of veterans, the people at large need find no lack of patriotism or appreciation of the defenders of the nation, in the declaration that the policy of seeking new ways of expending the public money on pens ons must stop.

In this light the President's veto is likely to arouse general commendation. But it is to wished that he had drawn the line at the Mexican pension bill.—*Phila. Times.*

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NEWS AND OTHER NOTINGS.

—For rheumatism, lumbago, neuralgia, cramp and colic there is no remedy supeaior to the genuine Dr. Thomas, Eclectric Oil.

—The jail at Murfreesboro, Tenn., burned down on Sunday morning, and three men in the cages on the lower floor perished in the flames.

—On Saturday evening Henry Bodehimer and his partner, William Mercier, of Bossier parish, La., became involved in a quarrel, in the course of which Bodenhimer shot and killed Mercier.

—Mrs. W. W. Lape, of Meadville, Pa., on Saturday attempted suicide by throwing herself in Mill Run. She has long been a sufferer from spinal disease, which caused temporary aberration of mind.

—In the Bedford county court the jury in the case of Reather, charged with burning the barn of J. Stuckey, returned a verdict of not guilty. The charge of poisoning his horses will come up at a future court.

—A passenger train on the Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad went through a bridge just south of the former city, on Friday morning. No lives were lost, but the baggagemaster and express messenger were badly cut and shaken up.

—Harry Davis, aged 22, of Shafersville, Huntingdon county, had never tasted liquor until Monday. His mother was buried on Sunday. To drown his grief he began drinking heavily. On Tuesday he died in a drunken stupor.

—Miss Josephine Mackey, of Louisville, Ky., while kneeling in front of a fire in her bed room, fell over in a fit, and when she recovered consciousness her clothing was in a blaze. Her brother hurried to her rescue, but she had inhaled the flames, and died soon after from the effects of it.

—A fiendish attempt to wreck a passenger train was discovered last Friday morning on the Panhandle road, a few miles west of Steubenville. A tie had been placed across the track, but it was discovered by the engineer in time to stop the train, which was running at the rate or twenty miles an hour.

—Mr. Louis Bache died at his residence in Louisville, Ky., February 11, in the eighty second year of his age. His father was the grand-son of Benjamin Franklin, and the younger Bache was named Louis by his great grandfather after Louis XVI. of France on account of a friendship of long standing. The elder Bache was a colonial soldier and a man of much prominence.

—Mrs. M. W. Smith a resident of Bainbridge, Pa., visited her smoke house on Saturday to replenish the fire for smoking the meat. While inside the building the door became accidentally closed, and the woman was almost suffocated with the smoke when she was discovered by a neighbor who opened the door just as she had lost consciousness, and rescued her from impending death.

—The State Board of Health of Pennsylvania has sent out a circular urging all persons to be vaccinated, in view of "the rapid spread of small-pox in the City of New York at the present time and its simultaneous appearance in other adjoining States, as well as in portions of our own Commonwealth, which indicate an extensive diffusion of the seeds of this disease and an atmospheric condition favorable to their germination."

—A cyclone struck Louisville, a small village a few miles west of Alliance on Friday last. Seven dwelling houses and a woolen factory were blown down. The Catholic Church and seminary, both large and costly structures, were partially destroyed. A large brick building, occupied by J. Thurins as a drug store, was also blown down, and not a chimney is left standing in the place. Several narrow escapes were made. The loss will amount to over $100,000.

—The American Cardinals arrived in Rome Sunday evening Father O' Connell, rector of the American College, met them at Genoa. They were met at the depot by Archbishops Cave, of Melbourne, and Kirby, of the Irish College; Bishop Kane, of Richmond; Mgrs. Callahan, Stoner, Straneito, Count Muccioli, Vice Rector Deasy and many prominent laymen. While at Paris, Cardinal Gibbons was a guest at the seminary of St. Sulpice.—He will make his home in the American College, being assigned to the apartments formerly occupied by the late Cardinal McCloskey.

—A railroad and a civil engineer have been for some time at work perfecting a new system of heating passenger cars for the Alleghey Valley Railroad Company. The plan is to pump hot air from the fire box of the locomotive along pipes running through the cars in the same way as hot air for the brakes is obtained. This would prevent the possibility of cars taking fire from stoves or passengers being scalded by steam pipes, in case of a wreck. The plans will soon be submitted to the officers of the company and an experiment arranged.

—In excavating in Ross Park, Williamsport, for the foundation of a new police department building, workmen came upon five human skeletons, at a depth of three feet in the ground. One was that of a female, and from the skull depended a heavy growth of light blonde hair, eighteen inches in lenth, and as fresh and healthy looking as if it were growing on a living head. In the interior of one of the skulls were two copper cents one bearing the date of 1813, and the other of the issue of 1820. It is probable they had been used to close the eyes of the person when he died and in time had fallen through the eye cavities into the skull.

—For three months the residents of an aristocratic part of Cleveland, O., have been annoyed by a burglar. Women refused to remain at their homes after night, and strong men armed themselves with self-acting pistols. On Saturday night the police arrested Sidney Walsh, twenty-three years old, and his wife. They live in a fashionable street, and next door to a house that Walsh had burglarized. Scattered about Walsh's home the police found $2,500 worth of victures, furniture, jewelry and bric-a-brac that he had stolen. He was married last November, and the wedding ring he gave his wife was stolen. Tue wife was also sent to jail to keep him company. She is a comely young woman and has respectable relatives.

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Amount insured Dec. 31, 1885.	$1,725,078.82	
Amount insured during year.	900,310.00—	$2,025,388.82
Deduct am't expired during year.	146,228.00	
Deduct am't surrendered and canceled	68,393.00—	314,621.00
Am't insured Dec. 31, 1886,		$1,710,767.82
Am't premium notes in force Dec. 31, '85,	161,121.58	
Am't premium notes taken during year.	29,801.00—	190,722.58
Deduct am't expired during year.	21,987.00	
Deduct am't surrendered and canceled.	7,768.00—	29,755.00
Am't premium notes in force Dec 31, '86,		$160,967.58
No. policies issued during year.		258
No. policies in force Dec 31, 1886,		2031

CASH ACCOUNT—RECEIPTS.

Am't on hand at last settlement	298.90	
Cash for new Insurance,	1042.31	
Am't Exonerations No. 8,	37.72	
Am't Assessment No. 9,	6395.88—	$7774.61

EXPENDITURES—LOSSES PAID.

E. & T. O'Brien,	7.00
Mary Doran	10 00
Jos. Gutwald,	353.00
Samuel Reed,	1200.00
Chas. Weakland,	1750.00
Mary E. Glasgow,	45.62
Poor Directors Cambria county,	1100.00
W. W. Harris, (balance)	500.00
O. J. Westover,	42.20
John Nedimyer,	352.00

OTHER EXPENSES.

Secretary's fees,	129.00
Treasurer's salary,	80.00
Rent,	40.00
Agent's commission,	193.50
Commission on assessment,	329.75
Am't assessment No. 9 uncollected,	265.93
Premiums ret'd policies canceled,	80.39
Printing, postage, stationery, etc.,	218.09
Commenealion Ex. Com.	25.00
Expenses adjusting losses, etc.,	22.00
Balance on hand,	2901.71—$7774.61
Premium notes in force Dec 31, '86,	$160,967.58

January 20, 1887, the foregoing statement was audited, found correct and approved.

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Saturday, 26th day of February, 1887,

at one o'clock, p. m., the following described real estate, viz:

All that certain piece or lot of ground situate in the village of St. Nicholas, in Barr township, Cambria county Pa., fronting on the Ebensburg road, adjoining lots of Nicholas Lamboorn and A. Preiser, containing about one-fourth of an acre, and having a plank house thereon erected.

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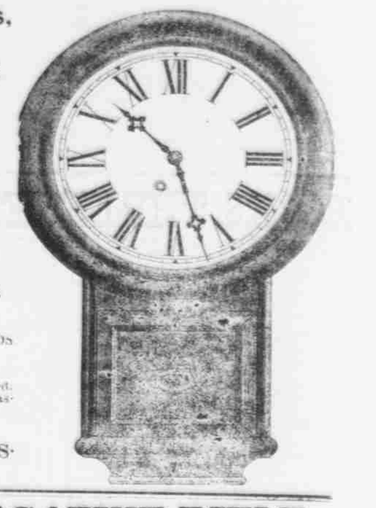

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Estate of Patrick B. Smith, deceased.

Letters of administration cum testamento annexo having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to

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Letters of administration on the estate of Peter Maloy, Sr., late of Barr township, Cambria county, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make payment without delay, and all those having claims against the same will present them, properly authenticated for settlement to

MICHAEL DOWNY, Adm'r of Peter Maloy, dec'd.

Barr twp., Dec. 17th, 1886.-6t.

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FRIDAY, - - FEB. 18, 1887.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—For all kinds of canned goods, go to the Sugar Bowl.

—The Lenten season commences on Wednesday next.

—Iron ore is mined in twenty six of the sixty-seven counties of this State.

—At the late election the city of Altoona elected her whole Democratic ticket.

—W. H. Storey Esq. Republican, was re-elected burgess of Johnstown on Tuesday.

—Mr. Daniel McGough, Mercantile Appraiser, was interviewing the business men of this place on Wednesday.

—John M' Connell, of Hollidaysburg, who represents a New York firm dealers in hats and caps, spent a few hours in town on Wednesday.

—A married man named Hays, of Bellwood, Blair county, eloped last week with a young girl named Jane Thompson, of the same place.

—A. C. Cornelius, a brakeman on the Pittsburgh division, fell from his train in Altoona on Saturday night and sprained his left ankle very severely.

—On Tuesday last Mrs. David Shenkle, of Cambria township, fell on the ice and dislocated her left arm at the wrist. Dr. Davison set the injured member.

—Mr. J. Goulden, of the Pittsburg *Emerald Vindicator*, was a visitor to our office today (Thursday) but cut his stay short in order to catch the train for Altoona. Call again and stay longer.

—A vein of fire clay fifteen feet thick has been discovered on the farm of James Devore, near Cook's Mills, in Bedford county. Coal and iron ore have also been found on the same tract.

—Miss Helena Luckhardt, a sister of Louis Luckhardt, the well known jeweler, a young lady of more than ordinary musical talent, died at the residence of her brother in Johnstown on Thursday night.

—Judge Wilson, of Clarion county, permitted the Grand Jury to decide how many, if any licenses should be granted, and the jury said none; but that did not appear to be the correct answer as he granted 34 out of the 38 applications.

—For the best flour in the market, go to the Sugar Bowl.

—A Western widow has just brought suit for damages against her favorite newspaper because it spoke of her deceased husband as having "gone to a happier home." This is one of the disadvantages newspapers have in always telling the truth.

—A pension and back pay amounting to $2,000 were recently granted to a soldiers' widow in Clearfield county, and when the money was handed to her she suddenly fell over dead. It is thought her death was caused by excess of joy.

—NOTICE—As most farmers will want to get Phosphate the coming spring, now is the time for you to give your orders for the best Phosphate in the market. I am prepared to furnish it in any grade for $25 to $40 a ton.

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—The 2nd week of March court a colored juror from the 2nd ward of Johnstown is drawn to serve. His name is Lewis Jones and he is celebrated for being able to hold three ordinary hen's-eggs in his mouth at once without breaking—either the eggs or his jaw.

—A raft of square timber, the first of the season, arrived at Lock Haven Sunday afternoon and was safely landed at the Lockport shore. The raft is of pine, owned by Aaron Patchin, of Patchinville, forty miles above Clearfield, where it was put in and rafted.

—Jail warded Peach on Tuesday last was standing in his stable in the rear of a colt admiring his fine points. The colt suddenly kicked, striking Mr. Peach on the right arm and slightly fracturing one of the bones of the fore arm. Although very painful it will not prove serious.

—For choice cigars and good tobacco, go to the Sugar Bowl.

—It is said that Clearfield county, is flooded with silver certificates raised from $10 to $50. The modus operandi is to cut the figure 5 from an internal revenue stamp used on cigar boxes, paste it over the figure 1 on a ten dollar silver certificate and the job is complete, and you have a fifty dollar note.

—The recent election establishes the fact that there is but little change in the opinions of the voters of Ebensburg. Some are disappointed in the result, but if they buy their dry goods, dress goods, boots and shoes groceries and provisions at John Owens store, on High street, they will feel just as good as if their candidates had been elected.

—On Tuesday evening next the Ebensburg Brass Band will give an entertainment at the Opera House in this place, which will consist of vocal and instrumental music. The band will be assisted by the choirs of the Catholic, Congregational and Presbyterian churches of this place. Let everybody attend and give the band boys a lift. Tickets 25 cts; Reserved seats 35 cts.

—On Thursday last James Glasgow, of Gaysport, received a letter from his son Ed. Glasgow, who has been absent from home for a long time. The letter was mailed at Glasgow, Scotland, and dated January 26, 1887. It states that the steamship Natrona, which was bound from Baltimore to Amsterdam, sunk in mid-ocean and that he and nine others, who took a life-boat, were picked up by a ship of the Allen line and landed in Glasgow.

—The large barn on the farm of H. C. Allison, situated one mile west of Knecht's flooring mill in Nittany Valley, Clinton county, was burned shortly before day light on Monday morning with all its contents, excepting the live stock, which was all safely removed. The fire originated, we learn, by the explosion of a coal oil lamp in a lantern. The loss is about $6,000 on which there is an insurance of $5,250.

—The dead body of a woman apparently about fifty years of age, was found by a couple of boys in the woods near Gelstown, on Wednesday. The corpse was partly covered by an old shawl and the indications were that it had been there for several days. The coroner held an inquest but at this time we have not learned the result of the finding of the jury. There were however no marks of violence on the body and the clothing was not disarranged.

—It would not be known that some districts were represented in Congress at all were it not for the fact, that about this time of the year the mails are loaded down with seeds, principally beans and peas, which, if like whiskey, they improved with age, their constituents would not have to complain of their crops for the want of good seed. The most of the seeds sent out look to be old enough to vote if they had the privilege of the franchise.

—John Flanagan, an old man who has been an inmate of the almshouse for a number of years and who formerly resided at Gallitzin, took to bleeding at the nose on Monday last and after bleeding for some time the hemorage was checked. On Tuesday morning the bleeding again commenced and after bleeding several hours Dr. Jones was sent for who finally succeeded in getting the hemorage stopped. The old man is about eighty-seven years of age and is very weak from the loss of blood.

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1402 ELEVENTH AVENUE 1402.

—Hon. John S. Rhey returned home from Harrisburg on Monday last and remained until Tuesday afternoon.

—When Isaac Hughes, of Summerhill township, got up on Thursday morning of last week, on looking eastward, he noticed there was a vacancy where what was known as the Diamond school house had stood, and a slight smoke curling gracefully up from the spot. On a closer inspection it was discovered that the school house had burned down during the night, without the fire being discovered. It was a new building, erected about five years ago, at a cost of about $400.

—Zephaniah Kearney, formerly known as "Pinney" was drowned in the Conemaugh at Johnstown on Sunday evening about half past eleven o'clock, his body being found lodged against an obstruction in the river below Lincoln bridge. The body was rescued from the water by Policeman Varner, and efforts made to resuscitate it but without avail, and it was then taken to the house of Mrs. Nolan, of Conemaugh Borough, who is a sister of the unfortunate man He was a widower, and leaves one child—a daughter.

—A very painful accident happened Mr. Jacob Stevens, of Allegheny township, on Monday last. He and his son were chopping in the woods near Loretto. The boy in trimming the upper branches of a fallen tree, threw a limb along the tree towards his father, who had raised his axe to make a stroke. The limb coming in contact with the axe, caused it to glance off and cut an ugly gash in Mr. Stevens leg, just above the ankle. A buggy was procured and the injured man was conveyed to his home, where Dr. John Murphy dressed the wound, and he is now getting along as well as possible under the circumstances.

—Ex-Gov. Curtin tells the story of the recovery of his eye sight as follows: "I went to the oculist absolutely skeptical. He looked at my eye, and said he could cure it. I was going to Boston the next day to attend the mercnants' dinner, and I thought I would like to go seeing, if possible. So when he asked when he could perform the operation, I said: 'Now, at once; might just as well have done with it.' He deadened my eye with cocaine. He took an instrument. He made one skillful cut with it. He filled my eye with blood. It was all over in a minute. He said: 'There, Governor, go home and go to bed, and in the morning you will see as well as any body.' And sure enough, I did."

—Mr. Richard Gittings, of Cambria township was very badly hurt on Monday last. Mr. Gittings is one of the firm of Messrs. Gittings, Lewis & Co., who operate a steam saw mill about eight miles north of Ebensburg. About 11 o'clock on Monday forenoon Mr. Gittings, who is the sawyer, attempted to throw some resin on the belt that runs the saw, to keep it from slipping. In doing so his hand was caught between the belt and the pulley and in a moment he was hurled through a hole in the floor to the ground below, a distance of about five feet on his head. His face and lip were badly cut, his teeth were all knocked loose and some of them out, besides being severely bruised about body. Dr. Maucher, of Nicktown, was summoned and after a careful exation found that no bones we broken.

—During a thunderstorm at Houtzdale, Clearfield county, on Saturday last, six men were working near an air shaft over 40 feet deep at Excelsior colliery No. 5. A bolt of lightning decended the shaft, knocked them down, and paralyzed some of them complete ly for a short time. A prop which two of the men were putting in place at the moment was wrenched from their hands with a giant's power and hurled aside. As there was no metallic substance near to draw the lightning the supposition is that it was conducted into the shaft by the current of damp air rising from the mine just as lightning is often conducted down the spout of a house by the water during a shower, or as it is conducted down a chimney by the column of warm air alsing out of it. The bolt expended its force in the chambers of the mine without doing any damage.

—The Commissioner of Pensions has had prepared a letter of instruction and blank forms of application and affidavits of witnesses for the use of applicants for pensions under the Mexican Pension law of January 29, 1887. These blanks, he thinks, will facilitate the business of his office and enable applicants to have their rights promptly adjudicated without unnecessary correspondence, trouble, or expense. The Commissioner expects to have the blanks printed and ready for use on Wednesday next, February 16th. He invites direct application to his office of expectant pensioners. Upon receipt of an individual application an appropriate letter of instructions and a set of blanks will be forwarded to the applicant. The letters of instruction are full and explicit, and the blank forms plain, and all may be easily understood without the necessity of legal advice.

A Priest's Pluchy Fight.

Rev. Father McEnrue, of Freeport, Armstrong county, whose mother and sister reside in Tyrone, and who is well known in Western Pennsylvania, and especially in Cambria county, where he was born and raised, had a thrilling adventure with burglars on last Friday night. It seems that three of the house-breaking fraternity succeeded in affecting an entrance to the church sometime during the night, and after they got through there they turned their attention to the priest's residence, adjoining. Here they ransacked the lower rooms pretty thoroughly, after which they went up to Father McEnrue's bedroom, and holding revolvers to his head, told him to lie low or they would blow out his brains. Watching his opportunity, Father McEnrue jumped for one of the villainous intruders, knocking him out of the bedroom door. The robber then fired a shot back, when Father McEnrue grabbed his revolver off the mantel and rushing into the hall shot at one of the parties as he went out the back door, the ball, however, missed the man and struck the edge of the door, from which it glanced and embedded itself in the floor. The robbers then fled. There were three in number, the one holding the revolver being masked. They succeeded in obtaining a few dollars. The alarm was raised, bnt they fled. There is no clue, as usual.—*Altoona Times*.

Sore Throat

is particularly favorable to the contraction of Diphtheria. Heed the warning, and use Darbys Prophylactic Fluid. It at once allays the inflammation of the throat, subdues the pain and gives permanent relief. It promptly and effectually destroys all contagion and diphtheritic germ. It is a safeguard against Diptheria, and should be used on the first symptoms of sore throat as a gargle.

Tuesday's Election.

The election on Tuesday passed off quietly and with the exception of the election of Mr. John A. O'Hara, the Democratic candidate for Auditor over George A. Kinkead, the result was the usual one in Ebensburg.

BOROUGH AT LARGE.

Burgess.

T. M. Richards, R.	122
J. A. Shoemaker, D	97
R. R. Tibbott, P	13
Richard's majority,	25

Auditor.

John A. O'Hara, D	121
George A. Kinkead, R	98
O'Hara's majority,	23

Collector.

Isaac Davis, R	128
Henry Byrne, D	102
Davis' majority,	26

EAST WARD.

Burgess, T. M. Richards 69, J. A. Shoemaker 11. R. R. Tibbott 11; Auditor, George A. Kinkead 50, John O'Hara, 89; Collector, Isaac Davis 69. Henry Byrne 21; Council, John Howell 38, John Lloyd 18, John Folsom 14; School Director, William Leighty 60, V. Lutringer 18, T. J. Davison 12; Judge of Election, John Ludwig 53, Michael Denny 20, Lewis Rodgers 4; Inspectors, David J. James 49, Henry Garman 20, John J. Evans 21; Assessor, Evan E. Evans 57, John J. Evans 14, T. A. Sharbaugh 14; Constable, Evan D. Evans 56, George M. Riddle 18, Jed. Dow 15.

WEST WARD.

Burgess, T. M. Richards, 53, J. A. Shoemaker 86, R. R. Tibbott 2; Auditor, George A. Kinkead 48, John O'Hara 92; Collector, Isaac Davis 59. Henry Byrne 81; Council, M. D. Kittell 85. Robert Evans 53. D. M. Chute 0; School Director, John L. Stough 88, James D. Snyder 52; Judge of Election, Thomas J. James 83. E. W. Humphrey's 55; Inspector, W. C. Fagan 83, Hosea Evans 56; Constable, James Moore 80, Luke Weakland 56; Assessor, Josue D. Parrish 81. W. H. Connell 58;

The following officers were elected in Cambria township: Justices of the Peace, Oliver Evans and G. J. Jones; Judge of Election, E. J. Humphrey's; Inspectors, Oliver Evans and D. E. Evans; School Directors, David T. Rees and David Owens; Assessor, John J. Jones; Auditors, R. D. Jones, 1 year, D. S. Davis, 3 years; Supervisors, David D. Evans and Edward Thomas; Constable, John W. Tudor; Township Clerk, Jeremiah Lloyd.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the week ending Wednesday, February 16th 1887:

George Warner and Monica Kruise, Chest township.

John Grienader, Beccaria township, Clearfield county, and Mary Kruise Chest twp.

Henry R. Bertram, Unity township, Westmoreland county and Barbara McEills, Carroll township.

William E. Litzinger, Allegheny township, and Elizabeth J. Whelen, Carroll twp.

James A. Topper, Adams township, and Annie E Bunton, Croyle township.

Josiah S. Stutzman and Sarah C. Grumbling, Adams township.

F. J. Bonner and Jane Alice Dishong, Johnstown, Pa.

Educational.

Programs for Reading Circles and Local Institutes:

LORETTO, FEB. 26TH.

Fore noon session, 10 A. M. to 12.

Reading and discussion of Parker's Talks and Raub's School Management, - J. C. Brown and Supt. Strayer, leaders.

Afternoon session, 1:30 to 4.

Pleasure in Teaching, - - J. C. Brown.
Parents' Assistance, - - A. J. Sanker.
Essay, - - - Miss Olive Topper.
School Program, - - E J. Sybert.
Essentials in Teaching, - Supt. Strayer.
What should Teachers accomplish in a five months' Term? - - A. J. Little.
Should we have a Compulsosy Education? - L. Donoughe and P. J. Little.

MOUNTAINDALE, MARCH 5TH.

Fore noon session, 10 to 12.

Reading and discussion of Parker's Talks, Raub's Shool Management and Brook's Methods, - - D. E. Hollen, G. W. Williams; and W. A. Wills, leaders.

Afternoon session, 1:30 to 4.

"Decisive Battles of the world," - J. C. McFeaters.
"Milestones," - - - A. H. Grumbling.
"Battles of Life," - - W. J. Cramer.
"Attention," - - - J. W. Leech.
Ventilation, - - - G. W. Williams.
School Grounds," - Miss Hattie Connelly.
Essentials of Successful Teaching, - Supt. Strayer.

Evening session.

Industrial Education, - D. E. Hollen.
Has America reached the Climax of her Glory? - - Aff. Wm. Smith and A. Cornelius. Neg. J. T. Peterson and Alex. Troxell.
"Read Township Siftings," - W. A. Wills, Editor.
"Sentiment Roll," - - Teachers.

School Report.

Report of the Ebensburg Public Schools for the month, ending Jan. 1, 1887.

Teachers.	Room.	Average Enrolled. Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Average attendance. Boys.	Girls.	Total.	Visits.
Allie Lloyd	1	34	25	59	30	22	52	10
Annie Beynon	2	16	18	34	14	17	31	6
Effie Myers	3	24	20	44	20	17	37	5
Annie Jones	4	28	18	46	20	23	43	8
J. W. Leech	5	19	13	32	16	11	27	4
Totals	5	121	97	218	104	86	190	31

The following pupils were perfect in attendance during month:

Room No. 1.—Ollie Davis, Willie Leighty, Carl Dick, Peter Ludwig, Harry Connell, Herschell Evans, Irvin Custer, Dellie Chute, Davis Evans, Robbie Bolsinger, Walter Jones, Ralph Tibbott, Maud Shinafelt, Edith Evans, Bessie Evans, Annie Owens, Gertie Hill, Lizzie Ludwig, Mary Connell, Maggie Tibbott and Eva Hildebrandt.

Room No. 2.—Bertie Roberts, Harry Shinafelt, Ollie Stough, Ollie Connell, Gertie Pruner, Maud Richardson, Annie Davison, Ada Jones, May Davis, Emily Davis, Allie Jones and Blanche Folsom.

Room No. 3.—Charlie Port, Charlie Weakley, Robbie Jones, John Maloney, Christie Strayer, Cordie Snyder, Johnnie Strayer, Theodore Custer, George Thomas, Dayton Mack, Fred Jones, John Thomas, Mary McBreen, Nora Ludwig, Stella Rosensteel, Annie Mills and Lucy Hildebrand.

Room No. 4.—Eddie Luther, Leonard Jones, Joseph Blair, Frank James, George Langbein, Katie McBreen, Della Folsom, Mary Evans, Annie Maloney, Sadie Custer, James McCabe, Reichert Garman, George Myers, Jimmie Dick, James Murray, Lucy Gutwald, Alice Davis, Annie Crouse, Maud Zahn and Alice Maloney.

Room No. 5.—Bert Davis, George Dick, Thannie Davis, Sherman Mason, Ed. Linton, Cora Davis, Myra Richardson, Dayton Mason, Philip Luttringer, Herman Jones, Will Jones, Leonce Shields, Izora Davis, Irene Evans, Rachel Leidy and Birdie Shenkle.

The following pupils stand first in their classes for the month.

Room No. 1, C. Class, Maggie Tibbott. B class, Davis Evans. A class, Irvin Custer.

Room No. 2, B class, Blanche Folsom. A class, Annie Davison.

Room No. 3, B class, Stella Rosensteel. A class, Charlie Port.

Room No. 4, B class, Sadie Chute. A class, Katie McBreen.

Room No. 5, B class, Leonce Shields. A class, Irene Evans.

Saved His Life

Mr. D. I. Wilcoxson, of Horse Cave, Ky., says he was, for many years, badly afflicted with Phthisic, also Diabetes; the pains were almost unendurable and would sometimes almost throw him into convulsions. He tried Electric Bitters and got relief from first bottle and after taking six bottles, was entirely cured, and had gained in flesh eighteen pounds. Says he positively believes he would have died, had it not been for the relief afforded by Electric Bitters. Sold at fifty cents a bottle by E. James and W. W. McAteer, of Lorette.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve

The best salve in the world for Cuts Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. James and W. W. McAteer, of Loretto.

FOR SALE—STEAM ENGINES, CLAY and Ore Pans, Boiler and Sheet-Iron Work.—Second-hand engines and boilers on hand. Hoisting engines and machinery a specialty.—THOMAS CARLIN, Allegheny, Pa. (Jan. 22,-1y.)

INTENDING ADVERTISERS should address GEORGE P. ROWELL & CO., 10 Spruce Street, New York City. For SELECT LIST OF 1,000 NEWSPAPERS Will be sent free on application. Jan. 14, '87

FOR SALE.—The subscriber will sell at private sale ONE 45 INCH TURBINE WATER WHEEL, ONE VERY SINGLE MACHINE, side, cut, 1 Lath Mill and Sawmill complete excepting head blocks and belting necessary to run all the machinery. For further particulars call on D. M. KRATZER, at ASHVILLE, or address him at Chest Springs, Postoffice, Cambria county, Pa. [Feb. 4, 1887.

MILL FOR SALE.—The undersigned will sell at private sale his saw mill with one acre of ground and water right, situate in Elder township, Cambria county, one mile west of St. Boniface. The mill has a 16 feet overshot wheel and a circular saw, good as new. If desired I will sell the mill reserving the buildings and ground.

SEBASTIAN HOLTZ.

January 28, 1887. 3t

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of John Noel, late of Munster township, Cambria county, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same are requested to present the same properly authenticated for settlement.

CHARLES NOEL, Executor.

Loretto, Jan. 28, 1887.

WIDOWS' APPRAISEMENTS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the following named appraisements of property appraised and set apart for widows and decedents, under the Act of Assembly of the 4th of April, A. D. 1851, have been filed in the Register's Office at Ebensburg, in and for the County of Cambria, and will be presented to the Orphans' Court of said county for confirmation and allowance, on Wednesday, the 9th day of March, A. D. 1887.

1. Inventory and appraisement of certain personal property appraised and set apart for Sarah Driskell widow of Michael Driskell Sr., late of Allegheny township, dec'd $300.

2. Inventory and appraisement of certain personal property appraised and set apart for Sadie Costlow widow of Stephen Costlow late of Adams township dec'd 30,50.

3. Inventory and appraisement of certain personal property appraised and set apart for Eliza Jane Durbin, widow of James S. Durbin late of Conemaugh borough dec'd $300.

4. Inventory and appraisement of certain personal property appraised and set apart for Mary Ann Baumgardner widow of Adam Baumgardner late of Richland township dec'd $300.

5. Inventory and appraisement of certain personal property appraised and set apart for Clara Monday widow of John Monday late of Conemaugh borough dec'd $300.

6. Inventory and appraisement of certain personal property appraised and set apart for Catharine Noel, widow of John Noel late of Munster township, deceased $300.

CELESTINE J. BLAIR, Register
Register's Office, Ebensburg, Feb. 11, 1887

Register's Notice

THE following accounts have been examined and passed by me and remain filed on Record in this Office for the inspection of heirs, legatees, creditors and all others in any way interested and will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Cambria County, on Wednesday the 9th day of March. 1887.

1 The first and final account of M. Post executor of John George Ansman, late of Loretto, deceased.

2. The second and final account of George Gallagher one of the executors of John Elder, late of Carrolltown borough, deceased.

3. The third and final account of R. L. Johnston executor of Edward Glass, late of Ebensburg, deceased.

4. The second and final account of Alvin Evans administrator of John O. Evans, late of the borough of Ebensburg, deceased.

5. The first and final account of Peter M. Kinney and John Burns executor's of Peter Mulvehill, late of Pine township, Indiana county, Pa.

6. The first account of Luke Behe one of the executors of Francis Grimes, late of White township, deceased.

7. The first and final account of Alvin Evans administrator of Daniel O. Evans, late of the borough of Ebensburg, deceased.

8. The first and final account of Sarah Cavanaugh executrix of John Cavanaugh, late of Prospect borough, deceased.

9. The first and final account of Samuel Hoffman guardian of Ida Baldwin minor child of Solomon Baldwin, late of Stony Creek township, deceased.

10. The first and final account of Jacob M. Miller administrator of Levi Miller, late of Adams township, deceased.

11. The first account of H. J. Roberts guardian of D. J. H. Bates a minor child of George A. Bates, late of Johnstown borough, deceased.

12. The first account of A. Anna and Conrad Yeager executor's of Charlotte Yeager late of CLest township, deceased.

13. The first account of Catharine and Crispin Dorer administrators of Solomon Vickroy, late of Upper Yoder township, deceased.

14 The first and final account of Hiram Orris guardian of Albert Orris minor child of Levi Orris, late of Richland township, deceased.

15. The first and final account of S. W. Miller executor of Margaret Messenger, late of Stony Creek township, deceased.

16. The first and final account of B. F. Horner administrator of Charles J. Humphreys, late of East Conemaugh borough, deceased.

17. The first and final account of Elias Rowland adm'r of Sarah E. Long late of Jackson township, deceased.

18. The first and final account of John Gittings and David E. Evans guardian of William, George A., and Mary Pryce minor ceildren of David W. Pryce, late of Cambria township, deceased.

19. The first and partial account of Elias Rowland executor of John Long late of Jackson township, deceased.

20. The first and final account of D. M. Kratzer administrator of John Kratzer late of Clearfield township, deceased.

21. The second and final account of Alvin Evans administrator of Isaac Evans late of the borough of Ebensburg, deceased.

22. The first and partial account of Dr. D. W. Evans guardian of Annie M. Lloyd now Annie M. Richards a minor child of Thomas J. Lloyd late of Ebensburg borough, dec'd.

23. The second and final account of Lawrence J. Murphy executor of John McGaughey late of Munster township, dec'd.

24. The second and final account of Peter Rubritz executor of John Schriber of Franklin borough, deceased.

25. The first and final account of Joshua Aurandt executor of William Tiley, jr., late of the borough of Lilly, deceased.

CELESTINE J. BLAIR, Reg'r.
Register's Office, Ebensburg, Pa.
March 11, 1887.

DONALD E. DUFTON, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, EBENSBURG, PENN'A. Office in Armory Building.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE. *Estate of Peter Dunn, deceased.* Letters testamentary on the estate of Peter Dunn, dec'd, having been regularly issued to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said decedent will make immediate payment to them, and all persons having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement.

K. DEVEREAUX, Summit,
JOHN B. EGER, Washington Twp.
Washington Twp., Jan. 21, '87-6t.

I Have still on Hands some

LONG AND SHORT COATS,

WRAPS, TOBOGGAN CAPS,

HOODS, FELT HATS,

FELT SKIRTS,

SCARLET VESTS,

CLOTHS AND CASHMERS.

ALSO A JOB LOT OF

Handkerchiefs, Gloves,

Children's Hose,

Remnants of Lace,

RUCHING, EMBROIDERY,

Etc., all of which I will sell at cost to clear out my winter stock.

Mrs. R. E. Jones.

Sheriff's Sales

BY virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias, alias D Fieri Facias and Levari Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county, and to me directed, there will be exposed to Public Sale, at the Mansion House in Johnstown, on

SATURDAY, March 5, 1887, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following Real Estate to wit:

All the right, title, and interest of Elizabeth Allison and Daniel Allison, of, in and to all that certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in Adams township, Cambria county, Pa., bounded and described as follows: beginning at an original corner of the Joseph Vickroy survey and Christopher Riley survey near the edge of the Bedford road, thence by original line and Christopher survey, now Michael Shirley, N. 62 degrees west 127 perches to a small chestnut stump, thence by Shirley's land N. 28 degrees west 187 2 10 perches to stones, thence by land of Samuel Hummell S. 62 degrees east 74 6 10 perches to stones, thence by same S. 28 degrees east 187 2 10 perches to stones thence by land of Ebenezer Brenham and Caleb Plamver 69 degrees west 165 perches to the place of beginning, containing as described by deed one hundred and fifty-nine acres and allowance or by survey and draft 159 acres and fifty-four perches and allowance. Taken in execution and to be sold at the suit of Mary Christy.

ALSO—All the right, title, and interest of William Custer, of, in and to all that certain lot of ground situated in Adams township, Cambria county, Pa., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post on lot No. 7 at South Fork Creek thence along lot No. 7 north, 50 degrees east 16 perches to a post, thence by J. G. Stong, degrees east 196 perches to a sugar; thence by land of Roger Bradleys' heirs south 45½ degrees east 206 perches to pointers, thence by land warranted in name of Catharine Heister, south 87 degrees west 266 perches to the place of beginning, containing

One Hundred and Twenty-three Acres

and one hundred and fifty four perches. The surface and buildings of said purpart No. 1 having been accepted and taken by Pl. Christy at the valuation placed thereon by the Sheriff's Inquisition.

ALSO—All the bituminous coal and mineral right in and under that certain tract of land situate in said township of Gallitzin, bounded and described as follows: A certain tract of land situate in said township of Gallitzin, beginning at a beech, stump and pointers, thence by land of Dr. J. T. Christy south 32 degrees west 106 perches to a post, thence by land of Agnes Burk north 22½ degrees west 34 perches to a post, thence by same north 55 degrees west 42 perches to stones, thence north 41 degrees west 27 perches to a post, thence by other land of the heirs of F. X. Christy, deceased north 4½ degrees east 43 perches to pointers, thence by land warranted in name of Catharine Heister north 51 degrees east 88 perches to the place of beginning, containing *Forty-four acres and 153 perches.*

ALSO—All the surface and buildings of said purpart No. 3, which will be sold separately from the coal and minerals.

ALSO—All the bituminous coal and mineral right in and under that certain tract of land situate in said township of Gallitzin, bounded and described as follows (being purpart No. 4): Beginning at a post, thence by land warranted in name of Catharine Heister north 51 degrees west 7 perches to a hickory, thence by land of Henry Sanker north 13 degrees east 12 perches to a post, thence by same and land of Sarah Grove north 3½ degrees east 80 perches to a post, thence by land of Sarah Grove north 15 degrees east 56 perches to a post, thence by land of N. Burk north 42½ degrees east 39 perches, thence by same north 3 degrees west 26 perches to a chestnut, thence by land of John Grove south 11 degrees east 4 perches, thence by other land of F. X. Christy, deceased, north 69 degrees east 20 perches to a post, thence by same south 69 degrees east 12 perches to a post, thence south 41 degrees east 28 perches to a post, thence south 22½ degrees east 42 perches to a post, thence south 22½ degrees 84 perches to a post, and thence by land of Dr. J. T. Christy south 27 degrees west 138 perches to the place of beginning, containing *Ninety-five acres and 42 perches.*

ALSO—All the bituminous coal and mineral right in and under that certain tract of land situate in said township of Gallitzin, bounded and described as follows (being purpart No. 5): Beginning at a post, thence by land warranted in name of Ellen Catharine Heister south 25 degrees east 90 perches to pointers, thence by land of Dr. J. T. Christy south 46 degrees west 282 perches to pointers, thence by land of J. E. Shields north 30½ west 80 perches to a hemlock, thence down the Clearfield creek by its various courses and distances 330 perches to the place of beginning, containing *One hundred and 41 perches and allowance.*

ALSO—All the bituminous coal and mineral right in and under that certain tract of land situate in said township of Gallitzin (being purpart No 6), bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a post adjoining tract in name of John Hay, thence by same north 68½ degrees west 190 perches to pointers, thence by land of Heirs of F. X. Christy, deceased, north 4 degrees east 32 perches to a beech, thence by same south 62 degrees east 32 perches to a bird, thence by same south 9 degrees east 12 perches, thence by same south 45 degrees east 84½ perches, thence by same south 61 degrees east 10 perches, thence by same south 75 degrees east 10 perches, thence by same north 38 degrees east 22 perches to a post, thence by same north 46 degrees east 13½ perches to a post, thence by same north 85 degrees east 18 perches to a post, thence by same south 12 degrees east 15 perches to a post, thence by same 79 degrees east 56 to a post, thence by same north 84 degrees east 16 perches to a post, thence by same north 72 degrees east 49 perches to pointers, thence by same south 15 degrees west 63 perches to a post, thence by same south 71 degrees west 23 perches to a post, thence by same south 15 degrees west 15 perches to the place of beginning, containing *Fifty-six acres and 76 perches.*

TERMS OF SALE:

One-third of purchase money to be paid on confirmation of sale, and one-third one year thereafter, and one-third at the death of Elizabeth Christy, the widow of the decedent; the latter two payments with interest payable annually, to be secured by bonds and mortgages on the premises. The last judgment to remain in the hands of the purchasers during the natural lifetime of said Elizabeth Christy, and the interest thereof to by annually paid to her alliance, Dr. John T. Christy.

JOSEPH A. GRAY,
Trustee to sell real estate of F. X. Christy, dec'd.
Ebensburg, Feb. 4, 1887.-3t.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE. —OF— Valuable Real Estate.

BY virtue of an order issuing out of the Orphans' Court of Cambria county, Penn'a, to me directed, I will expose to Public Sale, at the Hotel of M. Fitzharris, in the Borough of Gallitzin, in said county of Cambria on

Saturday, February 26. 1887.

at 10 o'clock, A. M., the following described Real Estate, as mentioned and described in a Third Pluries Writ of Partition and draft accompanying same, in the Estate of Mary Christy, dec'd, viz:

All the bituminous coal and mineral right in and under purpart No. 1, which is bounded and described as follows: A certain tract of land situate in Gallitzin township, Cambria county, Pa., adjoining lands surveyed in the name of Catharine Heister, land surveyed in the name of Richard Wilson, land surveyed in the name of Roger Bradley's estate and others, better known as the Jacob Burgoon tract, or the Old Homestead. Beginning at a sugar call, thence by land warranted in the name of Ellen Catharine Heister, north 25 degrees east 196 perches to a sugar; thence by land of Roger Bradleys' heirs south 45½ degrees east 206 perches to pointers, thence by land warranted in name of Catharine Heister, south 87 degrees west 266 perches to the place of beginning, containing

One Hundred and Twenty-three Acres

and one hundred and fifty four perches. The surface and buildings of said purpart No. 1 having been accepted and taken by Pl. Christy at the valuation placed thereon by the Sheriff's Inquisition.

ALSO—All the bituminous coal and mineral right in and under purpart No. 2, which is bounded and described as follows: A certain tract of land situate in said township of Gallitzin, situate on the waters of Storm's Run, beginning at pointers, thence by land warranted in name of Catharine Heister, south 51 degrees east 70 perches to pointers, thence by other land of the heirs of F. X. Christy, dec'd, south 8 3/4 east 41 perches to a post, thence by same north 41 degrees west 27 perches to a post, thence by other land of the heirs of F. X. Christy, deceased north 4½ degrees east 43 perches to pointers, thence by land warranted in name of Catharine Heister north 51 degrees east 88 perches to the place of beginning, containing *Forty-four acres and 153 perches.*

ALSO—All the surface and buildings of said purpart No. 3, which will be sold separately from the coal and minerals.

ALSO—All the bituminous coal and mineral right in and under that certain tract of land situate in said township of Gallitzin, bounded and described as follows (being purpart No. 4): Beginning at a post, thence by land warranted in name of Catharine Heister north 51 degrees west 7 perches to a hickory, thence by land of Henry Sanker north 13 degrees east 12 perches to a post, thence by same and land of Sarah Grove north 3½ degrees east 80 perches to a post, thence by land of Sarah Grove north 15 degrees east 56 perches to a post, thence by land of N. Burk north 42½ degrees east 39 perches, thence by same north 3 degrees west 26 perches to a chestnut, thence by land of John Grove south 11 degrees east 4 perches, thence by other land of F. X. Christy, deceased, north 69 degrees east 20 perches to a post, thence by same south 69 degrees east 12 perches to a post, thence south 41 degrees east 28 perches to a post, thence south 22½ degrees east 42 perches to a post, thence south 22½ degrees 84 perches to a post, and thence by land of Dr. J. T. Christy south 27 degrees west 138 perches to the place of beginning, containing *Ninety-five acres and 42 perches.*

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The *American Dairyman* says a thoroughbred cow in a herd has a refining influence in the family, and every farmer should have at least one in his herd.

When any part of the skin has been frozen, apply snow, ice or cold water.—The vicinity of a fire or a warm room should be avoided. If the part blisters treat it as you would a burn.

A drop of cold water placed in the lobe of the ear will stop hiccough, or if this does not produce the desired effect, press firmly on the arteries of the wrist where the pulse is felt.

None of the minor ills of life is more troublesome than an ingrowing nail.—By pouring hot tallow in the corner of the nail, the hardened flesh is shrunken, the nail softened, and relief almost immediate.

Don't put off trimming the vines too late in the season, or it cannot be done at all. If the sap begins to flow cutting the vines will cause them to "bleed," and the consequence will be no fruit.—Trim when the weather is cold.

A fine saw is a good implement for cutting off the larger grape-vines, and a sharp knife for the smaller ones. In all cases make a clean cut, without hacking or bruising the wood which is to remain so the wound will heal up neatly and not leave a shattered stock to bleed and rot.

Those who grow orchard grass should remember that it is very early. It should be cut or eaten before the seed-stock becomes hard. Thus treated it can be cut oftner than any other grass, and when seeded on rich ground will make an astonishing amount of feed per acre.

A growing inability to sleep in sickness is ominous of a fatal result; in apparent health it indicates the failure of the mind and madness; so, on the other hand, in disease or dementia, a very slight improvement in the sleeping should be hailed as the harbinger of restoration.

Many of the ills affecting the hogs are due to filthy pens. It is not so much in the amount of filth that the difficulty is met, as in the dampness caused by the filth. Good, dry quarters are essential at this season for the swine, as a larger amount of corn must be used when they are not comfortable.

A bad breath, no matter from what cause, may be cured as follows: Three hours after breakfast a teaspoonful of the following mixture: Chlorate of potash, two drachms; sweetened water, four ounces. Wash the mouth occasionally with the mixture, and the breath will be as sweet as an infant's.

The Fort Wayne *Gazette* says: Farmers should be sure and sign every paper presented to them by a stranger. If the stranger forgets to present one ask him about it. It may be added, if signed, it may come back in the shape of a promissory note in the hands of the innocent(?) parties and the courts have decided such must be paid.

In preparing food for stock, such as cooked vegetable, chopped feed etc., always season with salt. Every animal craves it and must have a certain amount of saline matter introduced into its system to enable it to thrive. Many animals really suffer for the want of salt and lose appetite, which is attributed to some other cause.

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When pullets are forced to lay early, by stimulants or highly concentrated food, it is an injury, as it taxes the vitality. A pullet that is forced will lay very small eggs for a while, and when she ceases, in order to nest, she will not begin again as soon as a matured hen.—She becomes prematurely old, and does not prove, on the average as profitable as when she is given ample time to mature before beginning to lay.

Window plants that appear yellow and sickly are generally found to be suffering from too much water and too much insect. The former is generally the trouble in window plants. If the pots are badly drained, the water does not get away, and for healthy plants the soil must dry raidly. If the plant dries so that it needs water at least twice a week it is in a healthy condition. Plants should never have water when the soil is damp.

When a horse falls and finds it difficult to rise, spread a blanket, coat or robe in front of him, pull his front feet out from under him and spread them out on the blanket. Now when he attempts to rise and throws his whole weight on his front feet, they cannot slip from under him, because the blanket keeps his feet from spreading apart. You will find this suggestion very convenient if your horse falls on a lonely road and you have no one to help get him up.

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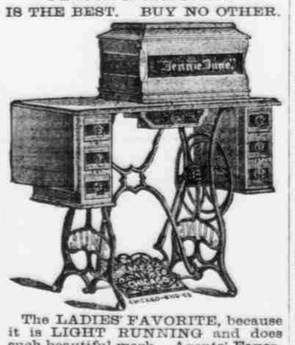

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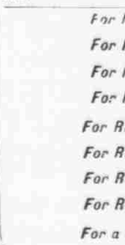

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—A little boy ran away from home, and while enjoying himself in forbidden fields, a thunder storm came up, and it began to hail. His guilty conscience needed no accuser. Returning home, he burst into the presence of his astonished mamma, exclaiming breathlessly: "Ma, ma, God's frowing stones at me!"

—It is said the exclamation "Rats!" originated several years ago at a theatre in Chicago where a lot of raw Italian ballet girls were dancing. They were awfully afraid of rats and mice, and it was the favorite pastime of the American members of the company to frighten the ballerinis by yelling "Rats!" at them as they stood in the wings waiting to go on, and then enjoy their shouts of horror. By and by the word came into use as a term of derision for a false alarm and the street got hold of it.

—"How many toes has a cat?" This was one of the questions asked a certain class during examining week, and simple as the question appears to be, none could answer it. In the emergency the principal was applied to for a solution, and he also, with a good-natured smile, gave it up, when one of the teachers, determined not to be beaten by a simple question, hit on the idea of sending out a delegation of boys to scour the neighborhood for a cat. When this idea was announced the whole class wanted to join in the hunt. Several boys went out and soon returned successful. A returning board was at once appointed and the toes counted, when to the relief of all it was learned that a cat possesses eighteen toes, ten on the front and eight on the hind feet.

Ebensburg & Cresson R. R. Schedule.

LEAVES—NORTHWARD.	No. 1. A. M.	No. 2. A. M.	No. 3. P. M.
Cresson,	9.00	11.10	5.25
Luckett,	9.07	11.20	5.35
Munster,	9.14	11.29	5.42
Noel,	9.19	11.35	5.48
Kaylor,	9.24	11.40	5.53
Bradley	9.30	11.47	6.02
Ebensburg,	9.40	12.01	6.15

LEAVES—SOUTHWARD.	No. 1. A. M.	No. 2. A. M.	No. 3. P. M.
Ebensburg,	7.05	10.00	3.00
Bradley,	7.15	10.09	3.10
Kaylor,	7.21	10.15	3.24
Noel,	7.25	10.29	3.30
Munster,	7.30	10.29	3.30
Luckett	7.36	10.32	3.45
Cresson,	7.45	10.40	4.00

Cresson and Coalport R. R. Schedule.

LEAVES—NORTHWARD.	Mail A. M.	Exp. P. M.
Cresson,	9.10	5.20
Wilmore	9.28	5.33
Lawson	9.32	5.39
Rubisky,	9.43	5.44
Admville,	9.52	5.51
Allside,	10.00	5.57
Dysarts,	10.06	6.01
Condron,	10.10	6.05
Dean,	10.16	6.09
Frugality,	10.27	6.17
Shirley,	10.35	6.23
Fallen Timber,	10.37	6.25
Flynn City,	10.49	6.34
Coalport,	11.01	6.43
Rosebud,	11.04	6.45
Irvona,	11.10	6.50

LEAVES SOUTHWARD.	Mail P. M.	Exp. A. M.
Irvona,	2.30	7.00
Rosebud,	2.36	7.05
Coalport,	2.38	7.07
Flyn City,	2.48	7.16
Fallen Timber,	2.57	7.25
Shirley,	3.00	7.27
Frugality,	3.06	7.34
Dean,	3.15	7.41
Condron,	3.20	7.45	
Dysart,	3.24	7.49
Hillside,	3.28	7.52
Ashville,	3.35	8.00
Amsbry,	3.42	8.05
Dawson,	3.52	8.14
Wildwood,	3.55	8.17
Cresson.	4.10	8.30

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
—OF—
CAMBRIA COUNTY, PA.,
—FROM THE—
4th day of January, 1886, to the 3rd day of January, 1887.

ALEX. STACKHOUSE, Treasurer, Dr.

To balance in hands of Treasurer at last settlement	$ 1,417 00
To amount received from miscellaneous sources	11,993 11
To amount received from redemption of lands	935 30
To amount received from seated and unseated lands	17,970 65
To amount received from constables for 1885 and previous	2,617 27
To amount of duplicate for 1886	78,190 77
	$112,423 28

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By amount paid—:	
Auditors (County)	$ 300 00
Auditors (State)	57 00
Assessors	2,537 74
Boarding Jurors	57 00
Boarding Prisoners	1,876 00
Bullsing Bridges	5,174 30
Bridge and Road Views	244 80
Borrowed money	10,000 00
Bonds redeemed	15,000 00
Commissioners	1,200 00
Commissioners' clerk	600 00
Commissioners' counsel	400 00
Court crier and tipstaves	435 00
Constables	1,686 92
Criminal prosecutions	4,854 67
Court House	1,128 05
Deeds to county	188 64
District attorney	443 00
Elections	2,814 92
Fox and otter scalps	1,228 00
Inquisitions	248 29
Interest on bonds	1,040 00
Interest on borrowed money	270 84
Janitor	600 00
Jail and jailor	4,832 69
Jury commissioners & clerk	129 00
Jurors (grand)	417 21
Jurors (traverse)	4,447 00
Jurors (talesmen)	54 00
Miscellaneous	51 88
Old orders	338 42
Rebates	35 35
Postage and expressage	53 45
Prothonotary	729 45
Printing	990 79
Poor directors	300 00
Poor & house of employment	13,976 99
Painting court house	1,794 80
Records	164 00
Refunding	61 84
Reform school	1,000 00
Registry	749 71
Redemption of lands	488 15
Road damage	596 00
Road fund	1,096 58
School fund	1,854 74
Sheriff	482 22
State tax	5,745 25
Soldiers' burial	350 00
Stenographer	436 85
Surveyor general	200 00
Western penitentiary	1,289 36
Western Penn's hospital	1,074 92
Rem'ds to constables bonds	2,526 51
Exonerations to constables	2,549 21
Exonerations on duplicate	40 85
Abatement to taxpayers	2,909 68
Treasurers com. 2 per cent. on $72,687 59	3,634 38
Treasurers com. 2½ per cent. on $25,351 10	633 27
By balance in hands of Treasurer	2 116 69—$112,423 28

AMOUNTS DUE FROM CONSTABLES.—

1882—Henry: temmer, Johnstown, 7th w.	$	54 23
1883—E. B. McCartney, E. Conemaugh		30 42
Henry Stemmer, Johnstown 4th w.		87 11
P. K. Miller, Johnstown, 6th w.		21 04
George D. Pringle, Wilmore		6 90
1884—George E. Krug, Barr township		14 91
D. H. Jones, Cambria township		14 61
1885—Augustine Yost, Carroll township,		54 45
George Soulsby, Clearfield twp		170 98
J. A. Troxell, Portage township		76 34
John Strayer, Summerhill twp.		70 03
1886—S. R. Edmiston, Barr township		14 45
James M. Kelly, Cambria 1st w		80 78
John A. Jones, Cambria township		60 12
R. A. Delozier, Carrolltown		54 08
I. J. Weakland, Carroll township		283 65
George W. Krise, Chest twp		58 71
Stephen A. Cooper, Clearfield twp.		165 58
Caleb Butler, Coopersdale		8 65
A. H. Penrod, Croyle township		209 97
Jacob L. Kline, Elder township		27 47
John B. Murphy, Franklin Bor		18 51
George Gutwald, Gallitzin Bor		79 40
A. J. Berkey, Grubbtown Bor		43 34
R. E. Johnston, 6th w		62 87
F. F. Mullen, Portage township		31 60
Henry Eichensehr, Prospect Bor		15 17
Silas Baldwin, Stonycreek twp		253 74
John N. Strayer, Summerhill twp.		223 85
Wm. A. Kager, Susquehanna twp.		501 99
Hiram Kemerer, Taylor E. twp		80 84
C. C. Ford, Taylor, W. twp		127 14
Samuel Huey, Sr., Tunnelhill		37 41
Chas. S. Haynes, Upper Yoder twp,		33 40
		$3,128 13

AMOUNT DUE CAMBRIA COUNTY ON JUDGMENTS.

Isaac Wike	32 64
W. W. Sherman, et. al	66 06
Barbara Rose	88 05
George V. Sherry	97 90
Pat. Connell	58 75
Pat. Connell et al	78 70
A. Farrell	355 72
D. C. Burke	34 16
H. G. Crum, et al	88 39
W. J. Rose	68 12
James Eckles, et al	48 32
A. B. Litzinger, et al	37 82
John McCloskey	42 40
Jeremiah Lynch, et al	52 54
P. F. Flenner, et al	61 80
	$1,224 46

RECEIVED FROM SEATED AND UNSEATED LANDS.

DISTRICT.	ROAD.	SCHOOL.
Adams township	$ 271 04	$ 360 00
Allegheny township		6 12
Barr township	25 72	58 58
Blacklick township	114 35	198 71
Cambria township	59 58	86 64
Carroll township	7 06	11 28
Chest township	526 48	1,017 74
Clearfield township	132 85	226 43
Conemaugh township	146 36	126 40
Croyle township	103 00	65 15
Dean township	250 83	409 56
Ebensburg Borough	2 56	2 20
Elder township	71 22	128 17
Gallitzin township	49	75
Jackson township	148 43	184 14
Johnstown Borough	442 68	683 22
Munster township	9 80	14 07
Portage township	233 6	351 21
Reade township	569 72	1,203 96
South Fork, I. S. D.		65 82
Stonycreek township	3 00	7 80
Summerhill township	251 88	271 41
Susquehanna township	46	101 18
Taylor township (East)	51 00	53 00
Taylor township (West)	31 90	31 90
Washington township	95 58	127 58
White township	556 20	866 40
Yoder (Lower)	121 81	179 46
Yoder (Upper)	53 88	82 58
	$4,394 56	$6,824 47

REMARKS.
In connection with this report, we present one bill, that of C. J. Mayer, Esq., for painting Court House. This bill does not represent the full amount received by Mr. Mayer, as the work done on desks, tables and book cases, was a separate job for which there are separate bills. The amount received by Mr. Mayer, is shown in our report under the heading Painting Court House. A great many persons having expressed the opinion that this bill is enormous and others holding up the Commissioners to ridicule, for not making a letting of this job, we here introduce the bill that the taxpayers may be enabled to judge for themselves as to the justness of said bill, that Mr. Mayer, as well as the County Commissioners may be fairly and honestly represented.

OUTSIDE COURT HOUSE.

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